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RESERVE LIABILITY OF SHAREHOLDERS ... £800,000
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INTEREST allowed on Current Account at the rate of 2 % per annum on the Daily balances.
On Fixed Deposits for 12 months 4 %
" " " 6 " 3½ %
" " " 3 " 2½ %

T. H. WHITEHEAD, Manager.

Hongkong, September 15, 1895. 846

HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

PAID-UP CAPITAL ... $10,000,000.
RESERVE FUND ... $ 5,500,000.
RESERVE LIABILITY OF PROPRIETORS ... $10,000,000.

COURT OF DIRECTORS:—
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" 12 " 4 " "

T. JACKSON, Chief Manager.

Hongkong, November 1, 1895. 343

HONGKONG SAVINGS BANK.

THE business of the above Bank is conducted by the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION. Rules may be obtained on application.

INTEREST on deposits is allowed at 3½ PER CENT. per annum. Depositors may transfer at their option balances of $100 or more to the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANK to be placed on FIXED DEPOSIT at 4 PER CENT. per annum.

For the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation,
T. JACKSON, Chief Manager.

Hongkong, August 1, 1895. 1515

THE NATIONAL BANK OF CHINA, LIMITED.

AUTHORIZED CAPITAL ... £1,000,000.
SUBSCRIBED CAPITAL ... £ 500,000.

HEAD OFFICE—HONGKONG.

Court of Directors.
D. GILLIES, Esq. CHAN KIT SHAN, Esq. H. STOLTERFOHT, Esq. CHOW TUNG SHANG, Esq.
KWAN HOP CHUEN, Esq.
Chief Manager.
GEO. W. F. PLAYFAIR.
Interest for 12 months Fixed 4 %.

Hongkong, October 23, 1894. 1711

THE MERCANTILE BANK OF INDIA, LIMITED.

AUTHORIZED CAPITAL ... £1,500,000.
SUBSCRIBED ... £1,125,000.
PAID-UP ... £ 562,500.

Bankers.
LONDON JOINT STOCK BANK, LTD.

Interest allowed on Current Accounts at the Rate of 2 % per Annum on the Daily Balance.
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JOHN THURBURN, Manager, Hongkong.

Hongkong, August 2, 1895. 928

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Hongkong, July 18, 1895. 1997

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CONFECTIONERY
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CHRISTMAS DELICACIES.

Hongkong, November 28, 1895. 2210

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Hongkong, December 7, 1895. 2287

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W. JACKSON, Manager.

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WILL despatch VESSELS to the Undermentioned PORTS on the DATES named:—

FOR.	STEAMSHIP.	DATE.	REMARKS.
LONDON (Direct)	Malacca	About 16th Dec.	Freight or Passage.
SHANGHAI	Kwar-i-Hind	About 17th Dec.	Freight or Passage.
LONDON, &c.	Rohilla	Noon, 19th Dec.	See Special Advertisement.
JAPAN	Ancona	Noon, 20th Dec.	Freight or Passage.
LONDON	Ceylon	About 27th Dec.	Freight or Passage (calling at MARSEILLES, if sufficient inducement offers).

For further Particulars apply to

P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Office. ALF. WOOLLEY, Acting Superintendent.

Hongkong, December 13, 1895. 2289

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AMERICAN BUTTER in Rolls and Pats.
GAME, &c., &c., &c.

SHIPPING AND COAST PORT ORDERS WILL HAVE PROMPT ATTENTION.

T. TATAO.

Hongkong, December 9, 1895.

Notices of Firms.

THE CHINA FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE.

FROM this date, during the Absence of Mr. JAS. B. COUGHTRIE from the Colony, Mr. GEO. L. TOMLIN has been appointed ACTING SECRETARY to the Company.

A. MCCONACHIE, Chairman.

Hongkong, December 9, 1895. 2300

NOTICE.

MY Brother, Mr EDMUND HUMPHREYS, my Son, Mr HENRY HUMPHREYS, Mr HART BUCK, and my Nephew, Mr JOHN AMBROSE JUFF, have this day been ADMITTED into PARTNERSHIP in my Firm of JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON.

JNO. D. HUMPHREYS.

Hongkong, December 2, 1895. 2247

Auctions.

PUBLIC AUCTION
OF
CHINESE PORCELAINS, CURIOS AND EMBROIDERIES.

THE Undersigned has received instructions to Sell by Public Auction, on

SATURDAY,

the 14th December, 1895, commencing at 2.30 p.m., at his Sales Rooms, Duddell Street,—

A FINE COLLECTION OF
CHINESE PORCELAINS,
comprising:—
FINE SPECIMENS of RARE SANG-DE-BŒUF, BLUE and WHITE, FIVE-COLOR, HAWTHORN, IMPERIAL PORCELAIN, ETC., on VASES, PLATES, JARS, BOWLS, ETC., of MING, KANGHI, YUNGCHING, KIEN-LUNG to MODERN PERIODS.
OLD PLAQUES, PANELS and SCREENS, WOOD and BAMBOO CARVINGS, ENAMELS, SNUFF-BOTTLES, JADIES and Other CURIOS.
Also,
A QUANTITY OF
SILK EMBROIDERY
in Great Variety.

Catalogues issued prior to Sale. On view from Friday, the 13th December.

TERMS OF SALE.—Auctionary.

GEO. R. LEMMERT, Auctioneer.

Hongkong, December 9, 1895. 2310

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned has received instructions to Sell by Public Auction, on

TUESDAY,

the 17th December, 1895, at 2.30 p.m., at his Sales Rooms, Queen's Road,—

HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE,
(For Sundry Accounts),
comprising:—
TAPESTRY with PLUSH-COVERED DRAWING-ROOM SUITE.
MARBLE-TOP CENTRE and SIDE TABLES.
CHIMNEY GLASSES, ORNAMENTS, CHIFFONIER, CARPETS and RUGS.
EXTENSION DINING TABLE, SIDEBOARD with BEVELLED GLASS, DINNER WAGGONS, BOOK-CASES, and WRITING TABLES.
CROCKERY, GLASS and PLATED WARE.
DOUBLE and SINGLE IRON BEDSTEADS.
WARDROBES with BEVELLED GLASS DOORS, DRESSING TABLES and MARBLE-TOP WASHSTANDS.
ONE JINRICKSHA.

TERMS OF SALE.—As customary.

J. M. ARMSTRONG, Auctioneer.

Hongkong, December 12, 1895. 2349

Intimations.

THE DAIRY FARM CO., LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE Ninth Ordinary Yearly MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in the above Company will be held at TELEGRAPH HOUSE, Queen's Road, Hongkong, on FRIDAY, the 27th Instant, at 12 o'clock Noon, for the purpose of presenting the Report of the Directors and Statement of Accounts to the 30th November last.

The Transfer BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 14th to 27th Instant, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
W. HUTTON POTTS, Secretary.

Hongkong, December 12, 1895. 2347

CANTON INSURANCE OFFICE, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE Transfer BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 16th to the 31st Instant, both days inclusive.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.,
General Agents,
CANTON INSURANCE OFFICE, LIMITED.

Hongkong, December 10, 1895. 2310

MOUNT AUSTIN HOTEL.

THE Manageress has decided upon extending the Hotel Accommodation to Unbroken Seas. The New Rooms will overlook the Harbour and the sides and Ladrone Islands on the others, and each will have Hot and Cold Bath Room.

A NEW WING
will also be built on the Eastern Side to the Rear of the Billiard Room, and
A BALL ROOM
is to be erected on the site of the present Chinese Tennis Court, to be approached by a covered way from the Hotel on the one side and by the Peak Road on the other.

JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON.

Hongkong, December [illegible], 1895. 2302

CHAN A-TONG,
COAL MERCHANT,
No. 23, Arsenal Street, East.
Business Office: No. 21, Chinese Street.

Intimations.

NOTICE.

THE MOORING BUOY at the Gap Rock having DISAPPEARED, Masters of Vessels are requested to keep a look-out for it and pick it up if seen. A suitable Reward will be given for its recovery and delivery at the HARBOUR OFFICE.

The Buoy is Conical and painted Red.

R. MURRAY RUMSEY,
Retd. Comdr., R.N.,
Harbour Master, &c.

HARBOUR DEPARTMENT,
Hongkong, 6th December, 1895. 2244

NOTICE.

TENDERS will be Received at the HARBOUR OFFICE up to Noon of the 21st Instant, for "SWEEPING" for the MOORING BUOY at Gap Rock, which has "DISAPPEARED," and which, it is probable, has started a river and sunk.

R. MURRAY RUMSEY,
Retd. Comdr., R.N.,
Harbour Master, &c.

HARBOUR DEPARTMENT,
Hongkong, 6th December, 1895. 2315

PERSEVERANCE LODGE OF HONGKONG, No. 1,165.

AN Emergency MEETING of the above LODGE will be held in the FREEMASONS' HALL, Zetland Street, on SATURDAY, the 14th Inst., at 4.30 for 5 p.m. precisely. VISITING BRETHREN are cordially INVITED to attend.

Hongkong, December 10, 1895. 2314

PERSEVERANCE LODGE OF HONGKONG, No. 1,165.

A Regular MEETING of the above LODGE will be held in the FREEMASONS' HALL, Zetland Street, on MONDAY, the 16th Instant, at 4.30 for 5 p.m. precisely. VISITING BRETHREN are cordially INVITED to attend.

Hongkong, December 10, 1895. 2318

PRELIMINARY ADVERTISEMENT.

A NEWSPAPER
will be published every noon,
to be called
HUMPHREYS' CLOCK.
JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON.

Hongkong, November 27, 1895. 2206

NOTICE TO MARINERS,
No. 55 (SPECIAL).

CHINA SEA.

SHANGHAI DISTRICT.

SOUTHERN ENTRANCE TO THE YANGTZE.

South-East Spit extending.

NOTICE is hereby given that the SOUTH-EAST SPIT EXTENDS considerably further to the SOUTH-WESTWARD, in the vicinity of the Twelve Lightship than is represented on the latest charts, and Vessels are therefore warned not to pass between the Lightship and the Spit.

A. M. BISBEE,
Coast Inspector.

Imperial Maritime Customs,
Coast Inspector's Office,
Shanghai, 6th December, 1895. 2312

VICTORIA HOTEL,
CANTON,
(Late SHAMEEN HOTEL, Canton).

MESSRS. MADAR AND FARMER have the pleasure to inform their Patrons, Friends and General Public that having LEASED the SHAMEEN HOTEL they have RE-FURNISHED, vastly improved it in every department and have RE-OPENED it under the more popular Style of the VICTORIA HOTEL.

For further Particulars, apply to
THE MANAGER,
NEW VICTORIA HOTEL,
Hongkong.

Hongkong, December 10, 1895. 2322

NOW ON VIEW.

FINE DISPLAY OF JEWELLERY
SUITABLE FOR
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Comprising RINGS, EAR-RINGS, BRACELETS, BROOCHES, SCARF-PINS, NECKLACES, LOCKETS, &c., of every Description, with or without Precious Stones.
WATCH-CHAINS of the Latest and most Fashionable Designs.
WATCHES in Great Variety.
Ladies' GOLD WATCHES from $30.
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&c., &c., &c.
Also always on hand a SELECTED ASSORTMENT of UNMOUNTED BRILLIANTS.
PRICES MODERATE.

LEVY HERMANOS.

Hongkong, December 10, 1895. 2316

THE NEW BALMORAL GOLD MINING COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE First Yearly MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS called for Noon on SATURDAY, the 14th Inst., is POSTPONED to Noon, on SATURDAY, the 28th Inst.

W. HUTTON POTTS, Secretary.

Entertainments.

HONGKONG SMOKING CONCERT CLUB.

THE FIRST CONCERT of the SEASON will be given in the CITY HALL, on SATURDAY EVENING NEXT, at 9.15 p.m.—Major G. K. MOORE in the CHAIR. Members who have not yet got their Tickets should apply for them not later than *Thursday* to Mr. R. T. WRIGHT, Hon. Treasurer, Hongkong and Shanghai Bank, or to

JAMES A. LOWSON,
Hon. Secretary.

Hongkong, December 10, 1895. 2317

BAZAAR
IN AID OF THE FUNDS OF
THE ASILE DE LA STE. ENFANCE.
(Under the Patronage of H. E. SIR W. ROBINSON),
in the
CITY HALL,
on
MONDAY NEXT, 16th Instant,
at Two o'clock.

Hongkong, December 12, 1895. 2342

PROGRAMME
OF THE
ORGAN RECITAL
TO BE GIVEN AT THE
UNION CHURCH,
BY
MR. GEORGE GRIMBLE,
ON
TUESDAY, 17th December, 1895,
at 5.45 p.m.

1—(*a*) Air a la Bourée ..... } *G. F. Händel.*
(*b*) Largo, from 'Xerxes,' }
2—Tenor Solo, 'Ave Maria,' *Ch. Gounod.*
Mr. C. H. LAMMERT.
3—Largo, from the Pianoforte Sonata No. 7 ..... } *Beethoven.*
(Arranged for the Organ by FRED. ARCHER, Organist of the Grand Organ, Alexandra Palace).
4—Contralto Recit. and Aria,—
(*a*) 'Berseite Dich, Zion,' from the Christmas Oratorio ..... } *Sebastian Bach.*
(*b*) 'The Kings,' from the Xmas Carols of ..... } *Peter Cornelius.*
MRS. P. SACESE.
5—Andante Sostenuto .....
Edouard Batiste. Op. 20, No. 3.
6—Soprano Solo, 'Glory to Thee, my God, this night,' } *Ch. Gounod.*
Miss LAMMERT.
7—(*a*) Processional Hymn in E fl. Major 'Adoro Te,' .. } *Lefébure-Wely.*
(Organist of the Grand Organ of St. Sulpice, Paris).
(*b*) Sketch, originally written for Pedal Flügel ... } *R. Schumann Op. 58, No. 1.*

Hongkong, December 12, 1895. 2350

THEATRE ROYAL,
CITY HALL.

THE HONGKONG AMATEUR DRAMATIC CLUB
WILL GIVE
TWO PERFORMANCES
OF
ARTHUR W. PINERO'S Popular Farce
'DANDY DICK'
ON
THURSDAY, 26th Dec.
SATURDAY, 28th Dec.
Commencing each Evening at 9 p.m. precisely.

Messrs. C. H. GRACE, V. A. CÆSAR-HAWKINS, R. BURNEY, F. CLARE, S. L. DARBY, A. S. C. MANNERS and W. S. FROWD.

Mrs. J. ANDREW, Mrs. V. A. CÆSAR-HAWKINS, Miss M. DICK-MELBOURNE and Mrs. ALFRED WROTTESLEY.

TICKETS can be obtained at the Theatre Royal, CITY HALL, on and after *Thursday*, the 12th December.

Booking Office open each day from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

PRICES $3.00, $2.00 and $1.00.

LATE TRAMS 15 Minutes after each Performance.

Hongkong, December 11, 1895. 2339

To-day's Advertisements.

OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

FOR LONDON *VIA* SUEZ CANAL.

The Co.'s Steamship
Telamon,
Capt. T. PURDY, will be despatched as above TO-MORROW, the 14th Instant, at 4 p.m.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
Agents.

Hongkong, December 13, 1895. 2220

DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SWATOW, AMOY AND TAIWANFOO.

The Co.'s Steamship
Thales,
Capt. BATHURST, will be despatched for the above Ports on SUNDAY, the 15th Instant, at Daylight.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co.,
General Managers.

Hongkong, December 13, 1895. 2357

SHIRE LINE OF STEAMERS.

FOR NEW YORK *VIA* SUEZ CANAL.

The Steamship
Monmouthshire,
Captain EVANS, will be despatched for the above Port on MONDAY, the 16th Instant, at Noon, instead of as previously advertised.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
DODWELL, CARLILL & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, December 13, 1895. 2112

CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR YOKOHAMA AND KOBE.

The Steamship
Chingtuh,
Capt. WILLIAMS, will be despatched on TUESDAY, the 17th Instant, at Noon.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
Agents.

Hongkong, December 13, 1895. 2330

Vessels Advertised as Loading.

Destination.	Vessel.	Agents.	Date of Leaving.
Australian Ports	Taisan (s)	Butterfield & Swire	Dec. 20, at 3 p.m.
Baltimore	Amy Turner	Siemssen & Co.	Quick despatch.
Bremen & Ports o Call	Sachsen (s)	Norddeutscher Lloyd	Jan. 6, at 3 p.m.
Genoa and Marseilles	Clam (s)	Arnhold, Karberg & Co.	About Dec. 30.
Havre, London & H'bg	Peetan (s)	Arnhold, Karberg & Co.	About Dec. 27.
Japan	Ancona (s)	P. & O. S. N. Co.	Dec. 20, at noon.
Kobé and Yokohama	Lennox (s)	Dodwell, Carlill & Co.	Dec. 18, at noon.
London and Hamburg	Trocas (s)	Arnhold, Karberg & Co.	About Dec. 15.
London, v. Suez Canal	Telamon (s)	Butterfield & Swire	Dec. 14, at 4 p.m.
London, v. Ports of Call	Moyune (s)	Holliday, Wise & Co.	About Dec. 19.
London & Ports of Call	Rohilla (s)	P. & O. S. N. Co.	Dec. 19, at noon.
London	Malacca (s)	P. & O. S. N. Co.	About Dec. 16.
London	Ceylon (s)	P. & O. S. N. Co.	About Dec. 27.
Marseilles, v. Saigon	Saghalien (s)	Messageries Maritimes	Dec. 25, at noon.
New York, v. Suez Canal	Monmouthshire (s)	Dodwell, Carlill & Co.	Dec. 16, at noon.
New York	Emily F. Whitney	Carlowitz & Co.	Quick despatch.
New York	Torrisdale	Carlowitz & Co.	Quick despatch.
New York	John R. Kelly	Arnhold, Karberg & Co.	Quick despatch.
S. Francisco, v. Japan	Peru (s)	Pacific Mail S. S. Co.	Dec. 17, at noon.
S. Francisco, v. Japan	Coptic (s)	O. & O. S. S. Co.	Dec. 26, at noon.
San Francisco	Brodick Castle	Shewan & Co.	Quick despatch.
Shanghai	Achilles (s)	Butterfield & Swire	Dec. 14, daylight.
Shanghai	Chingping (s)	Carlowitz & Co.	Dec. 14, at 5 p.m.
Shanghai	Kansu (s)	Butterfield & Swire	December 16.
Shanghai	Kaisar-i-Hind (s)	P. & O. S. N. Co.	About Dec. 17.
Shanghai and Kobé	Vindobona (s)	Sander & Co.	About Dec. 14.
S'pore, Havre & H'burg	Erato (s)	Siemssen & Co.	Dec. 19, at 4 p.m.
Swatow, Amoy & T'foo	Thales (s)	Douglas Lapraik & Co.	Dec. 15, daylight.
Vancouver (B.C.), &	Empress of Japan (s)	Canadian P'fic R. Co.	Dec. 25, at noon.
Victoria (B.C.), &c.	Hankow (s)	Nor. P'fic S. & R. Co.	Dec. 24, at noon.
Yokohama and Kobé	Changsha (s)	Butterfield & Swire	Dec. 17, at noon.

To-day's Advertisements.

OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

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(Taking Cargo & Passengers at through rates for NINGPO, CHEFOO, HANKOW and Ports on the YANGTSZE).

The Co.'s Steamship
Achilles,
Captain HARVEY, will be despatched as above TO-MORROW, the 14th Instant, at Daylight.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
Agents.

Hongkong, December 13, 1895. 2352

HONGKONG RIFLE ASSOCIATION.

TO-MORROW (SATURDAY), 14th December, on POLICE RANGE, at 2.30 p.m. COMPETITION Short Range CUP, Ranges 200 and 300 yards. 7 Shots and 1 Sighter at each range. Entrance Fee, 50 Cents.

A. S. PALMER, CAPTAIN,
Hon. Secretary.

Hongkong, December 13, 1895. 2355

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned has received instructions to Sell by Public Auction, on

TUESDAY,

the 17th December, 1895, at 2.30 p.m., at his Sales Rooms, Queen's Road,—

(For Account of the Concerned),

A FEW CASES OF
SUPERIOR SPANISH WINES,
comprising:—
SHERRY COLON.
SHERRY TATARABUELO.
SHERRY NON PLUS ULTRA.
SHERRY CARVAJAL.
AMONTILLADO, MANZANILLA, MOSCATEL, MALAGA, NECTAR, CHAMPAGNE COGNAC, &c., &c., &c.
Also,
4 CASKS VINEGAR.

Catalogues will be issued.
TERMS OF SALE.—As customary.

J. M. ARMSTRONG,
Auctioneer.

Hongkong, December 13, 1895. 2356

AUSTRIAN LLOYD'S STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM TRIESTE, VENICE, PORT SAID, SUEZ, JEDDAH, SUAKIM, MASSAWAH, HODEDDA, ADEN, BOMBAY, COLOMBO, PENANG & SINGAPORE.

THE Steamship *Vindobona* having arrived, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed at their risk into the Godowns of the HONGKONG AND KOWLOON WHARF AND GODOWN CO., LTD., whence delivery may be obtained.

This Vessel brings on Cargo:—
From CALCUTTA, ex s.s. *Aglaia*, transhipped at COLOMBO. From TRIESTE, ex s.s. *Imperator*, transhipped at BOMBAY. From VENICE, ex s.s. *Carlotta*, transhipped at TRIESTE. From ODESSA, ex s.s. *Poseidon*, transhipped at PORT SAID.

Optional Cargo will go on to SHANGHAI unless notice to the contrary be given before NOON TO-MORROW.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns; and all Claims must be sent in to the Undersigned BEFORE NOON ON THE 20TH INSTANT, OR THEY WILL NOT BE RECOGNIZED.

No Fire Insurance has been effected, and any Goods remaining in the Godowns after the 20th Instant will be subject to rent.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by

SANDER & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, December 13, 1895. 2354

SHIPPING.

ARRIVALS.
December 13:—
Fuk-po, Chinese gunboat, from Canton.
Lokseng, British str., from Canton.
Lyderhorn, Norwegian steamer, 2,014, B. Hammieraas, Kutchinotzu Dec. 7, Coal.—MITSUI BUSSAN KAISHA.
Esmeralda, British str., 966, G. A. Taylor, Manila Dec. 10, General.—SHEWAN & Co.
Vindobona, Austrian steamer, 2,685, C. Bellen, Trieste October 21, and Singapore December 8, General.—SANDER & Co.
Telamon, British str., 1,555, T. Purdy, Shanghai December 10, General.—BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE.
Chuyang, British str., 1,104, L. H. Tamplin, Shanghai December 9, General.—JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.
Centurion, British tranship, 10,309, Capt. Spencer H. Logan, Singapore Dec. 6.
Hanoi, French str., 732, J. V. Chaduc, Haiphong December 10, and Holhow 12, General.—A. R. MARTY.

CLEARED.
Wing Hong, for Swatow.
Phra Chula Chom Klao, for Swatow.
Achilles, for Shanghai.
Oremarty, for Tinai (Java).
Saint Andrew, for Hanoiha Bay.

DEPARTURES.
December 13:—
Benledi, for Kobe.
Formosa, for Swatow.
Ulysses, for Singapore and London.
Devawongse, for Holhow.
Sabine Rickmers, for Tamsui.
Dante, for Amoy.
Lightning, for Singapore and Calcutta.
Whampoa, for Batavia.
Aden, for Shanghai.

PASSENGERS.
ARRIVED.
Per *Esmeralda*, from Manila, Rev. Blasco, Mr Pio Barretto, and 110 Chinese.
Per *Vindobona*, from Singapore, 11 Europeans, and 676 Chinese.
Per *Chuyang*, from Shanghai, Messrs Pudney, Pecand, Petersen, and 77 Chinese.
DEPARTED.
Per *Ulysses*, from Shanghai: for London, Mr Proctor, and Capt. Benus. From Hongkong: for Singapore, Mr P. Adams; for London, Mr A. C. Hutton Potts, Mr and Mrs G. T. Tilston.
Per *Formosa*, for Swatow, 300 Chinese.
Per *Devawongse*, for Holhow, 15 Chinese.
Per *Aden*, for Shanghai: from London, Mr Brand, Mrs Brand and 4 children. For Yokohama: from Hongkong, Rev. and Mrs G. W. Morrison and 2 children.
Per *Dante*, for Amoy, 307 Chinese.
Per *Lightning*, for Singapore, 1 European, and 391 Chinese.
TO DEPART.
Per *Wing Hong*, for Swatow, 150 Chinese.
Per *Phra Chula Chom Klao*, for Swatow, 1 European, and 250 Chinese.
Per *Achilles*, for Shanghai, 1 European.

SHIPPING REPORTS.
The British steamer *Esmeralda* reports: Had strong N.E. monsoon, with high sea to latitude 20° N.; thence to port moderate winds. Passed s.s. *Zafiro*, bound to Manila.
The British steamer *Telamon* reports: Had strong Northerly winds and fine weather.
The British steamer *Chuyang* reports: Had light to moderate N.W. winds and fine weather throughout.

POST OFFICE NOTICES.

MAILS will close:—

For KOBE.—
Per *Benevus*, at 11.30 a.m., on Saturday, the 14th inst.

For SAIGON.—
Per *Deuteros*, at 1.30 p.m., on Saturday, the 14th inst.

For SINGAPORE, SAMARANG & SOURABAYA.—
Per *Telantos*, at 2.30 p.m., on Saturday, the 14th inst., instead of as previously notified.

For SHANGHAI.—
Per *Kwang Lee*, at 2.30 p.m., on Saturday, the 14th inst., instead of as previously notified.
Per *Ching Ping*, at 4.30 p.m., on Saturday, the 14th inst.

For SAIGON & BANGKOK.—
Per *Triton*, at 3.30 p.m., on Saturday, the 14th inst.

For SINGAPORE.—
Per *Telamon*, at 5 p.m., on Saturday, the 14th inst.

For YOKOHAMA & KOBE.—
Per *Changsha*, at 5 p.m., on Saturday, the 14th inst.

For SINGAPORE.—
Per *Monmouthshire*, at 11.30 a.m., on Monday, the 16th inst.

For KOBE.—
Per *Interlay*, at 5 p.m., on Monday, the 16th inst.

Exchange.

HONGKONG, December 13, 1895.

London—	
Bank, Wire,	2/1½
On demand,	2/1½
30 days' sight,	—
4 months' sight,	2/1½
Credits, 4 ,,	2/2
Documentary, 4 months' sight,	2/2½
On Paris—	
On demand,	2.68
Credits, 4 months' sight,	2.74
Berlin—Demand,	2.17
On New York—	
On demand,	52
Credits, 60 days' sight,	53½
On Bombay—	
Wire,	183½
On demand,	184
On Calcutta—	
Wire,	183½
On demand,	184
On Shanghai—	
On demand,	72½
30 days' sight, private paper	73½
Gold Leaf, 100 fine (per tael)	£47.70
Sovereigns (Bank's buying rate)	—
Silver (per oz.)	30½

HONGKONG REGISTER.

	Previous day's reg.	On date at 9 a.m.	On date at 4 p.m.
Barometer	30.10	30.14	30.15
Temperature	66	66	69
Humidity	94	93	78
Direction of Wind	N	NNE	NNE
Force	2	1	1
Weather	5	6	6
Rain	—	—	—

Highest sun shine temperature on the 12th ..... °F
Lowest sun shine temperature on the 12th ..... °F

F. G. FOSS,
First Assistant.

Hongkong Observatory, Dec. 13, 1895.

MEMOS. FOR TO-MORROW.

Shipping.

Daylight.—*Achilles* leaves for Shanghai.
4 p.m.—*Telamon* leaves for London.
5 p.m.—*Chingping* leaves for Shanghai.

Auctions.

2.30 p.m.—Auction of Chinese Porcelains, &c., at Mr Geo. P. Lammert's.

Meeting.

5 p.m.—Meeting of Perseverance Lodge.

Amusements.

9.15 p.m.—Smoking Concert in the City Hall.

Miscellaneous.

Notice of Optional Cargo per *Vindobona* to be sent in before Noon.

2.30 p.m.—Competition of the Hongkong Rifle Association.

Goods per *Maria Valeria* undelivered after this date subject to rent.

Transfer Books of The Dairy Farm Co., Ltd., closed from this date to 27th Instant.

General Memoranda.

MONDAY, December 16:—
2 p.m.—Bazaar in the City Hall.
5 p.m.—Meeting of Perseverance Lodge.
TUESDAY, December 17:—
2.30 p.m.—Auction of Sundry Household Furniture, &c., at Mr J. M. Armstrong's.
2.30 p.m.—Auction of Spanish Wines, &c., at Mr J. M. Armstrong's.
5.45 p.m.—Organ Recital by Mr George Grimble at the Union Church.
Goods per *Ardandearg* undelivered after this date subject to rent.
WEDNESDAY, December 18:—
5.30 p.m.—Meeting of Hothen Mark Lodge.
Goods per Steamer *Sydney* unclaimed after Noon subject to rent.
Transfer Books of The Canton Insurance Office, Ltd., closed from this date to the 31st Inst., inclusive.
FRIDAY, December 20:—
Goods per *Vindobona* undelivered after this date subject to rent.
THURSDAY, December 26:—
9 p.m.—A. D. C. Performance at City Hall.
FRIDAY, December 27:—
Noon.—Meeting of Shareholders of The Dairy Farm Co., Ltd., at the Telegraph House.
SATURDAY, December 28:—
Noon.—Meeting of Shareholders of The New Balmoral Gold Mining Co., Ltd., at the Company's Office.

Quotations.

HONGKONG, December 13, 1895.

OPIUM—	New Patna, cash,	777½
,,	Old ,, cash,	—
,,	New Benares, cash,	770
,,	Old ,, cash,	780
,,	New Malwa, credit,	710
,,	Allowance, Taels,	—
,,	Old Malwa, credit,	710/730
,,	Allowance, Taels,	8/12
,,	Persian, Oily, cash,	—
,,	Allowance, Taels,	—
,,	Persian, Paper tied	790/840
,,	Allowance, Taels,	18/48

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Hongkong, November 20, 1895. 2273

BIRTH.

At Kiukiang, China, on the 24th November, 1895, the Wife of F. A. Moore, Esq., Commissioner of Customs, of a Daughter.

MARRIAGE.

On the 12th Instant, at St. John's Cathedral, by the Rev. R. F. Cobbold, JOHN BYRON SCOTT to MARY ELIZABETH MILLAR.

☞ The publication of this news commenced at 8.05 p.m.

The China Mail.

HONGKONG, FRIDAY, DECEMBER 13, 1895.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

PASSED SUEZ CANAL.

OUTWARD BOUND:—*Tientsin*, Oct. 25; *Fallodon Hall*, Nov. 1; *Benledi*, *Ozus*, *Stentor*, *St. Regulus*, 5; *St. Andrews*, 12; *Wuhu*, *Teresa*, 22; *Ningchow*, 23.

HOMEWARD BOUND:—*Frigga*, Nov. 12; *Carmarthenshire*, 17; *Bombay*, 19; *Oceanien*, *Braemar*, *Ormiston*, 22.

The P. & O. Co.'s steamer *Kaisar-i-Hind*, with the ENGLISH MAIL of 16th November, left Singapore on Tuesday, Dec. 10, at 4 p.m., and may be expected here on or about Monday, November 16. This Packet brings replies to letters despatched from Hongkong on the 10th October.

The N. P. Co.'s s. s. *Hankow*, from Tacoma, left Yokohama for this port on the 7th inst.

The O. and O. s. s. *Coptic*, with mails, &c., from San Francisco to the 21st ult., via Honolulu, left Yokohama for this port on the morning of the 12th inst., via Nagasaki.

The N. L. s. s. *Sachsen*, with the GERMAN MAIL of the 18th Nov., left Colombo on Saturday, the 7th instant, and may be expected here on or about Thursday, the 18th inst.

The P. M. s.s. *City of Rio de Janeiro*, with mails, &c., left San Francisco for this port, via Yokohama and Nagasaki, on the 30th ultimo.

The s. s. *Tacoma* left Tacoma on the 8th inst., for this port.

The D. D. R. s. s. *Gerda*, from Hamburg, left Singapore on the 7th inst., and may be expected here on or about the 13th inst.

The s. s. *Glamorganshire* left Singapore on the 7th inst., and may be expected here on or about the 13th inst.

The C. M. Co.'s s. s. *Kaisow*, from Glasgow, Manchester and Liverpool, left Singapore on the 8th inst., and may be expected here on or about the 18th inst.

The s.s. *Kutsang*, from Calcutta and Straits, left Singapore for this port on the 10th instant, and may be expected here on or about the 17th inst.

The s. s. *Glenesk*, from Middlesboro, London and Straits, left Singapore on the 11th inst., and may be expected here on or about the 18th inst.

The O. S. S. Co.'s s. s. *Orestes* left Singapore on the 11th inst., and may be expected here on or about the 18th inst.

The N. G. L. s. s. *Lelimbro* left Bombay for this port on the 8th inst., and may be expected here on or about the 23th inst.

The P. & O. s.s. *Brindisi* left Colombo for this port on the afternoon of the 10th inst.

THE busiest post will have his idyl moments.

AT Manila, on the morning of the 6th inst., the police arrested 60 mendicants to be sent to their native countries.

Auraria, who won the Melbourne Cup, stood at 100 to 3 in the betting. *Hova* was made favourite at 100 to 20, but lost the race by a neck.

CHEAH Chen Eok, the Opium Farmer at Penang, has just been elected to the Penang Municipal Council, defeating Koh Seang Tat by 483 votes to 382.

THE Rev. Alfred Hill will hold a Children's Service at the Peak Church at 4 p.m. on Sunday, 15th inst. Hymns 329, 62, 330 and 198 will be sung.

LONDON telegrams in our Australian exchanges confirm what we have already stated regarding the strengthening of the China Squadron by the replacing of the *Mercury* and *Caroline* by the *Immortalité* and *Narcissus*, and the retention of the *Edgar* and *Spartan*.

THE death is announced of Mr James Keith Angus, who was engaged in commercial pursuits in China about fifteen years ago. After returning to England, he settled down in London, engaged in literary work, and subsequently became the proprietor of the *Whitehall Review*, which he conducted with much spirit and ability.

A Manila telegram in the Manila *Comercio*, dated 6th instant, states that the columns under Srs. Navarro and Valdes met the Cuban insurgents under Maximo Gomez and Maceo, who succeeded in collecting a force of eight thousand insurgents. After six hours' fighting the troops assaulted the Maceo encampment and routed the rebels completely.

WE would direct the attention of our readers to the Bazaar to be held in the City Hall on Monday afternoon in aid of the funds of the Asile de la Ste. Enfance. The French Sister have got together a splendid collection of needlework and fancy work, and a consignment of toys and other seasonable goods has been received from France in time for the Bazaar. His Excellency Sir William Robinson has given his patronage, and it is hoped many gentlemen will find it convenient to attend and acquire Christmas presents for their friends.

Owing to increase of Business, W. Robinson and Co. have removed their Piano and Organ showrooms to Cassiegate House—THE BLOCK—1st floor.

AT the Magistracy this morning two Chinese seamen were sent to gaol for two months, with hard labour, for stealing provisions on board the Australian steamer *Changsha*. For insubordination on board the same steamer on the voyage from Sydney to Hongkong, seven stewards were sent to prison for fourteen days by Mr Serocombe Smith.

ABOUT four o'clock this morning a backyard shed at 142 Third Street was damaged by fire, which was extinguished by a cook from the adjoining house. The damage is covered by a policy for $250 issued by the Chun On Insurance Co. It is believed that the fire was caused by sparks from furnaces placed underneath a staircase.

THE Aberdeen Chamber of Commerce has resolved to support the proposal of the Blackburn Chamber that a commercial mission should be sent out to China to study the economic conditions of the country as a field for British trade, also to ask the British Government to officially accredit the mission. The Aberdeen Chamber also gave its adhesion to the proposal to construct a railway to tap the south-west Provinces of China for British trade. It is evident that the Blackburn Chamber is going to receive the active co-operation of the sister Chambers throughout the kingdom. Beyond making the discovery that Lancashire is unable to compete with manufactories in China, it is doubtful if the mission will add much to the general knowledge, but if there is anything to be done it had better be done quickly.

THE close of the year brings with it a shoal of almanacks from the insurance companies, whose energy in this practical form of advertising seems to have gone a long way towards displacing the industry in calendars purely as calendars for desk and office use. Messrs Siemssen & Co., as agents for the Transatlantic Fire Insurance Co., of Hamburg, issue a clearly printed and useful date block; Messrs Douglas Lapraik and Co., for the Liverpool and London and Globe, a plain hanging calendar; the Queen (now merged in the Royal) Insurance Company, for which Mr G. Hulton Potts is agent, sends out a handy and handsome blotting-book and a wall calendar in vivid colours. Messrs Douglas Lapraik & Co. also send out, for the Phœnix Assurance Company of London, a vest-pocket diary and an office almanack with all red-letter days duly marked in red letters. The Union Assurance Society (Hongkong agent, Mr Harry Wicking) issues a beautiful little pocket diary and note book, bound in calf, gilt-edged, and exceedingly well finished.

LAST night, R. W. Brother E. C. Kay, Deputy District Grand Master, together with the Officers of the District Grand Lodge of South China, installed Brother F. Howell into the chair as R. W. M. of St. John's Lodge for the ensuing year. The following officers were then invested, with the exception of Brothers Molesso and Reeves, who were absent:—S. W., Bro. H. B. Bridger; J. W., Bro. J. I. Andrew; Treasurer, Wor. Bro. J. Dickie; Secretary, Bro. F. Walker; S. D., Bro. J. Molesso; J. D., Bro. H. Reeves; I. G., Bro. G. White; D. C., Bro. J. Hand; Steward, Bro. G. Williams; Tyler, Bro. J. Maxwell. After the ceremony, the brethren adjourned to the banquetting hall, which was very tastefully decorated. Electric lights were distributed about the table, but what showed up the prettiness of the hall most was a large square and compass of electric lights at the end of the hall. After supper, harmony was indulged in till an early hour, concluding one of the most successful evenings the St. John's Lodge has had for many years.

MR Francis has made it quite clear that he thinks the presentation of a piece of plate is an inadequate acknowledgment of his services in the plague. We find, however, that precedents are against him: A silver tankard, weighing 36 ounces, which was presented by King Charles II. to Sir Edmund Berry Godfrey for services rendered during the Plague and Great Fire of London, was on Thursday last (Oct. 30) sold for 500 guineas. Among the bidders was a gentleman anxious to obtain the tankard for presentation to the Guildhall Museum, but he did not anticipate that it would realise such a high figure. The purchase-money works out at £14 17s. 8d. per ounce. This is how the Home papers state the case—we quote the *Penrith Observer*. Now, it was not a tankard that was offered to Mr Francis, but he could perhaps use an inkpot for his beer if he liked. At any rate, it seems to be the regulation form of acknowledging plague services to give pieces of plate. It was therefore absurd to refuse the inkpot; it might have sold as well as the beer-pot. Thirty-six ounces would ordinarily be worth only about forty dollars, whereas the inkslinging apparatus in question cost something over $400, we believe. Of course, the property would increase in value from its associations. Here then is a nice compound calculation in Rule of Three—If a forty-dollar beer-mug, given as a reward for plague work in 1894, sells for £500 in 1895, how long will Mr Francis have to wait ere he gets such a good offer again?

VISITS IN THE DOCKS.—At Kowloon—H. I. G. M. S. Irene, Reina Cristina, Kaiser, Hanover, Amoy, Ohio.
Cosmopolitan—Belgic.
Alderney—Cromarty.

W. Robinson and Co. make a special feature of selling Piano and Organs on the easy payment system.

CRICKET.—To-morrow the Cricket Club will play a team selected to represent the Golf Club. The following will play for the Cricket Club:—T. S. Sutton, H. O. Campbell, H.K.R., R. M. O'Kinsey, R.N., H. Gillingham, Capt. Baker-Carr, R.E., Col. Clarke, O.S.D., E. Kendall, C. V. N. Percival, R.E., R. Alexander, R.E., A. Anderson, S. E. Holland, R.E.—Golf Team:—Capt. Kwong, Dr. Lowson, J. Stewart, Capt. Stewart, C. W. Knox, L. Saunderson, Major Thomas, Surg.-Maj. Wassell, Rev. J. Vallings, A. N. Other, A. N. Other.

THE *EDGAR* DISASTER.
PROPOSED RELIEF FUND.

A relief fund has been started in aid of the relatives of the forty-eight men of H. M. S. *Edgar*, who lost their lives at Chemulpo on the 13th November. We have been asked to bring the matter before the notice of the community of Hongkong and willing do so, believing that Hongkong, which is brought into so close relations with the Navy, will make a ready and generous response. The following is an extract from a private letter from the *Edgar*:—

"We have started a relief fund which already amounts to £304, and we should be very grateful to you if you could interest the Hongkong people in it. I am glad to say that there are only 4 widows and 7 or 8 children, but I believe there are a good many dependent relatives."

A Naval officer who has brought the matter to our notice says:—The coming Christmas Season, which will bring happiness and reunions to so many families, will but emphasize the desolation and loss in these fatherless homes, as this year there will be no 'bread winner' to send home the extra money for the Christmas fare. Willing hands are providing for immediate wants, but it is desirable to do something of a permanent character, that the homes of the widows may not be broken up, and also that provision may be made for educating and clothing the orphans. Now is the time to give a practical expression to the sympathy that has been so widely expressed. The dependent relatives in most cases are aged or infirm fathers and mothers, sometimes sisters, who usually have half the pay of the Bluejacket allotted to them monthly. P. F. Raper, Esq., Hongkong and Shanghai Bank, has kindly consented to be Hon. Treasurer.

DARING GANG ROBBERIES IN MACAO.

Hongkong's present immunity from gang robberies, consequent, we have not the slightest doubt, on the stringent and wise enforcement of the provisions of the light and pass ordinance, is brought strongly into prominence by a series of most daring robberies in the neighbouring Colony of Macao. On the evening of the 10th inst., a chandler's shop was entered by three ruffians dressed up to pass as house boys, wearing the familiar long blue cotton gown which marks this class of Chinaman. Pulling out revolvers, they terrorized the shop people, and carried off 60 taels in silver. The robbers got away safely before the unfortunate victims could raise the alarm.

On the following night, the 11th inst., about seven o'clock, an outrage of a more daring character was perpetrated in the open street. The master of the Kam Fuk Un cured meat shop was walking quietly along the street, dreaming probably of his good fortune, having just won a large sum of money in the Waising lottery, when he was seized by four armed men, who menaced him with their revolvers whilst they rifled his pockets. The old fellow had had the good sense to leave his money and valuables in a place of safety, and so his assailants had to go away empty handed. An hour later four men armed with swords and revolvers, probably the same gang of men, entered the shop of a dealer in foreign lamps at 10 [illegible] Street, and cleared it of all portable valuables. In this instance the men were disturbed, and one young man was arrested. No trace of the three others had been found up to this morning.

These daring outrages happening in the neighbouring Colony show the necessity for exercising the utmost vigilance in Hongkong. The police are often lectured officious judges are fond of doing it—that it is their duty not so much to arrest criminals as to prevent crime, and the steps taken by the police to Hongkong, have, as already commented on by us, had the effect of reducing the criminal records of the Colony. The weak-kneed wobblers who see in the action of the police a blow at the liberties of the Chinese of Hongkong ought to ponder these things in their minds; they will find it a more profitable occupation than shopping logic and producing syllogisms.

REUTER'S TELEGRAMS.

[SUPPLIED TO THE 'CHINA MAIL.']

LONDON, December 11, 1895.

THE ITALIANS IN ABYSSINIA.

The Italians have evacuated Adowa, and are concentrating their forces at Adigrat, where they are preparing to resist an anticipated attack of 80,000 Shoans.

SOCIALISM IN GERMANY.

Prince Hohenlohe stated in the Reichstag that the Government was most firmly resolved on enforcing the laws against Socialism.

W. Rosenberg and Co. are sole agents for all the leading English and Continental Pianofortes manufactured.

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SECOND DAY.—Friday, Dec. 13, 1895.

If the weather yesterday reached the very limit of objectionableness, it touched the opposite extreme to-day. Instead of a North wind suggestive of snow and icebergs, there was a gentle West wind, soft and sweet enough to compel a flood of quotations from Hiawatha. Instead of a gray iron-bound sky, there was a beautiful blue, flecked with fleecy suggestions of cloud. Instead of a grim, forbidding landscape and a thermometer at 50 or so, the hills and crags and bluffs and pine plantations circling the harbour were their best and brightest tints, and the sun was quite too hot. It was especially a nuisance having to take tiffin without an awning. No doubt the improvement was due to the severe criticisms on the subject yesterday. Evidently the Clerk of the Weather reads the newspapers and minds what they say.

As may be gathered, the attendance was nearly doubled by the change in the weather. H. E. the Governor was early on the flagship, and almost the whole Colony turned out to see the German Cup and International. And the turn-out was less suggestive of a Peary North Pole expedition than of a gala day in the tropics.

1.—LIGHT GIGS; open to regular Chinese crews of the same hong or office; boats must carry a European coxswain. Distance one mile. Time for oars, 3 seconds per oar. First prize $10; 2nd prize $5. Winner of No. 4 Race first day excluded. Boats to be passed by the Committee.

Only one boat, the *Constance*, turned out, manned by Chinese from H.M.S. *Victor Emanuel*.

2.—INTERNATIONAL CHALLENGE CUP; for Four Oars. Cup presented by the late J. S. Lapraik, Esq., to be held by the winning crew for one year; but to remain the property of the Club. Distance, one mile and a half. Entrance $10. To be rowed in boats the property of the Victoria Recreation Club.

Shamrock.—(Irish).

Station No. 1.—Green.

Bow, A. H. Barlow	10st.	12lbs.
No. 2, W. B. O. Stewart	11st.	11lbs.
No. 3, E. D. Sanders	12st.	6lbs.
Stroke, J. B. Grimes	10st.	4lbs.
Cox, F. H. Kew	9st.	7lbs.

Kornblume.—(German).

Station No 2.—Black, White, and Red.

Bow, F. Lammert	10st.	8lbs.
No. 2, E. Thomsen	11st.	8lbs.
No. 3, E. Bischoff	11st.	10lbs.
Stroke, R. F. Lammert	10st.	12lbs.
Cox, F. W. White	9st.	0lb.

Thistle.—(Scotch).

Station No. 3.

Bow, J. C. Cameron	11st.	9lbs.
No. 2, W. A. Stopani	11st.	8lbs.
No. 3, G. Mollison	12st.	3lbs.
Stroke, J. M. Henderson	12st.	2lbs.
Cox, W. M. Caldwell	9st.	0lb.

The Irish were strong favourites, especially after the splendid show made by Grimes yesterday. Henderson, however, was still regarded as not quite out of the hunt; and Caldwell managed to escape his doctor and cox the Scots—a great advantage. The Germans were the less fancied by reason of the Lammerts' break-down yesterday, but still they might come up to their anticipated form and make the race more even. These were the charitable suggestion of hope for poor Germany and Scotland—only held out in charity, for nobody really believed in any but the Irish crew.

At the start, the Irish went off at a brisk stroke, about 35, and the others slightly behind, about 32. The Scotch, however, pulled a long, strong, even stroke, which looked well, and brought them up level with Ireland. The Germans dropped astern and stayed there, in spite of all efforts. While the Irish and Scotch were still about level, a junk came end-on at the latter, and Caldwell had to sacrifice about a length in going out of his course. However, Scotland pulled magnificently and Ireland lost ground by following the curve of the shoreline. After half the distance had been traversed, Scotland was clearly leading by a quarter-length, and steadily increased the advantage. The outside boat was not as yesterday handicapped by having rough water, and the tide was slack. All three boats settled down to a steady 32 or 33, with the Scotch a yard ahead and the Germans a length astern of the Irish crew, until the last quarter, when Grimes quickened to 35 and Henderson responded by doing one better. The Thistle splashed a bit, but on the whole rowed in very fine style. Cameron especially did good work in place of Meek at bow, though only substituted this morning and consequently never trained with the crew. In the last hundred yards both Scotland and Ireland spurted for all they were worth, but the former was not to be caught, and won by over two lengths; Germany several lengths astern.

Scotland	1
Ireland	2
Germany	3

Time, 19 min 49½ sec.

3.—LIGHT GIGS; open to European non-commission officers and men of any regiment or corps of the Garrison or to European crews of any of H. M. vessels or to European members of the police force; entrance, $1. Distance, one mile. Boats to be approved of by the Committee. Time allowance 3 seconds per oar; four boats must start for two prizes; winners of 3rd and 6th race first day to be handicapped by the Committee. 1st prize, $15; and 2nd prize, $10.

Victor Emanuel—*Constance* 6-oared, blue with white V.E. flag.

Hongkong Police—*Peiver*, 6-oared, blue and white.

Rifle Brigade, C Company, 6-oared, yellow flag.

Sappers, Royal Engineers—*Sapper*, 6-oared Royal Engineers' flag.

Royal Engineers—*Royal Engineer*, 6-oared, crimson, blue and crimson with yellow grenade in centre of blue.

Royal Artillery—*35th Company*, 6-oared.

Five boats entered, the R. E. second crew (entering as 'Sappers') having scratched. All got off to a splendid start and kept neck-and-neck a great part of the way. Then the Engineers and Bluejackets lost ground, and a hot tussle ended in the Rifles coming in first, Police second, and Artillery third, almost together. The Rifles and Police had to give points for their victories on the first day. The penalty put the R.E. back to 3rd place, but the police had a clear win in spite of the handicap.

Police	1
Artillery	2
Rifles	3

Time, 7 min. 40½ sec.

4.—SNAKE BOATS; open to Chinese snake boats. Distance one mile. 1st prize, $8; 2nd prize, $5; 3rd prize, $3. Eight boats to start for three prizes; winner of No. 5 first day excluded.

For description of this splashing-match, see yesterday's report; substitute for No. 131 as winner any number you like—it does not much matter, and the numbers were not visible to-day owing to the glare of the sun.

5.—GERMAN CUP; presented by the members of the Club Germania. For Four Oars. Distance one mile. Entrance, $10. To be rowed in boats the property of the Victoria Recreation Club.

Kornblume.

Station No. 1—White, Crimson and Sky Blue Sash.

Bow, L. A. Rose	9st.	1lb.
No. 2, W. B. O. Stewart	11st.	11lbs.
No. 3, G. Mollison	12st.	3lbs.
Stroke, J. B. Grimes	10st.	4lbs.
Cox, W. Hardwick	9st.	0lb.

Thistle.

Station No. 2—Red and White.

Bow, F. H. Kew	9st.	7lbs.
No. 2, E. Thomsen	11st.	8lbs.
No. 3, T. Meek	10st.	6lbs.
Stroke, H. Skott	12st.	4lbs.
Cox, A. E. Alves	9st.	0lb.

Victoria.

Station No. 3.—Blue and White Stripes.

Bow, H. E. Hayward	9st.	6lbs.
No 2, J. C. Cameron	11st.	1lb.
No. 3, G. H. Potts	11st.	11lbs.
Stroke, G. O. Hayward	11st.	4lbs.
Cox, R. Henderson	9st.	1lbs.

Leek.

Station No. 4.—Black and Pink Sash.

Bow, A. A. Alves	9st.	4lbs.
No. 2, W. A. Stopani	11st.	8lbs.
No. 3, E. Bischoff	11st.	10lbs.
Stroke, R. F. Lammert	10st.	12lbs.
Cox, F. W. White	9st.	0lb.

The German Cup seemed to lie between Hayward and Grimes, with rather better chance for the latter if anything; but the race was regarded as more open than some of the preceding. In Skott's boat, Capt. McCarthy had taken the place of Kew, who is still sick; and as far as could be judged from the result the boat lost nothing by the change in its bow.

Lammert got away first, catching the water on the flash of the gun, and making the pace hot. In the first quarter he had a clear lead of two lengths or more, while Hayward was a similar distance behind, Grimes and Skott keeping well together. Lammert continued to make the pace, going well over 30, until the half-mile, when he seemed to be at the end of his tether and Grimes on the inshore course crept up about level. Before he had quite caught up, Lammert managed to make a desperate spurt and Skott also quickened. Hayward stopped and paddled off the course. The finish was exciting in the extreme, Grimes' boat cutting across into Skott's water and all but winning. He was beaten, however, by a quarter of length; a length between second and third.

R. F. Lammert	1
J. B. Grimes	2
H. Skott	3

Time, 7min. 16sec.

Lammert's victory was the more popular because he had had such bad luck in previous events which had been expected to end more favourably for him.

After the German Cup race, which was applauded by the steam whistles of a few score launches as well as by manual labour on the part of the spectators, there was a long wait for the tub-sculling, on account of the wretched carelessness displayed in the programmes, which put down this event for 4 p.m. instead of 3.30. Thus there were two four-o'clock events on the programme, and another race at 4.30 in which some of the four o'clock men had to take part. All through a simple misprint, which was far too characteristic of the whole.

6.—THE SCULLING.—(Tub Sculling Boats). Distance, half mile. Entrance $1. To be rowed in boats the property of the Victoria Recreation Club.

Station No. 1—P. Hyndman, boat No. 6
Station No. 2—T. Gifford, boat No. 4
Station No. 3—H. W. Kennett, boat No. 5
Station No. 4—O. I. Ellis, boat No. 3.

Bills scratched, and Hyndman justified his name by taking the hindmost position and sticking to it manfully. Gifford led from start to finish. He a gagged considerably and seemed to contemplate a descent on the Torpedo Station, and the next attack was aimed at the poor defenceless *Wiccra*. But Kennett was sculling so badly that Gifford had plenty of time to go exploring all over the harbour and still win as he liked by about half an acre. Time 7 min. 26½ sec.

Gifford	1
Kennett	2

7.—LIGHT GIGS; open to European non-commissioned officers and men of any regiment or corps of the Garrison or to European crews of any of H. M. vessels or to European members of the police force. Entrance, $1. Distance, one mile. Boats to be approved of by the Committee. Time allowance 3 seconds per oar. Four boats must start for two prizes; winners of 3rd and 6th race first day and 3rd race second day to be handicapped by the Committee. 1st prize, $15; and 2nd prize, $10.

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Royal Artillery—*35th Company*, 6-oared.

This was a splendid race, well rowed from start to finish and anybody's race until the umpire's gun fired.

Both Engineers' crews scratched. The *Victor* men seemed unable to get rid of the orthodox Navy stroke, and defended the rear against all comers. The other three kept remarkably close together, and all rowed in fine style. The police appeared to better advantage than in any previous race: from the feathering it seemed they must have put a new man in their crew, a practised oarsman. In the end, all three finished together, and the Umpire must have had a difficulty in arriving at his verdict.

The handicap gave the prize to the Artillery.

Artillery	1
Police	2
Rifles	3

8.—GRIFFIN'S CUP.—Presented by the Hon. H. E. Wodehouse, C.M.G. For Four Oars. Open to members and subscribers of the Victoria Recreation Club who have never won a race at a Regatta in China. Distance, one mile. Entrance, $5. To be rowed in boats the property of the Victoria Recreation Club.

Shamrock.

Station No. 1—Black, Orange Sash.

Bow, H. W. Kennett	9st.	0lbs.
No. 2, E. E. Deacon	10st.	7lbs.
No. 3, P. Hyndman	9st.	6lbs.
Stroke, E. Silva-Netto	9st.	4lbs.
Cox, R. F. Lammert	11st.	2lbs.

Victoria.

Station No. 2.

Bow, A. E. Alves	9st.	0lb.
No. 2, T. Meek	1ust.	6lbs.
No. 3, C. Crispin	11st.	12lbs.
Stroke, A. A. Alves	9st.	4lbs.
Cox, J. B. Grimes	10st.	4lbs.

Kornblume.

Station No. 3—Navy Blue and White Sash.

Bow, J. M. E. de Carvalho	9st.	0lb.
No. 2, O. I. Ellis	11st.	5lbs.
No. 3, J. C. Cameron	11st.	9lbs.
Stroke, C. G. Klinck	10st.	0lb.
Cox, L. A. Rose	9st.	11lbs.

Thistle.

Station No. 4.

Bow, H. E. Hayward	9st.	6lbs.
No. 2, F. H. Kew	9st.	7lbs.
No. 3, F. M. Roza Pereira	11st.	6lbs.
Stroke, T. Consumji	10st.	5lbs.
Cox, F. Lammert	10st.	8lbs.

Leek.

Station No. 5.

Bow, H. McPhail	10st.	4lbs.
No. 2, G. White	10st.	4lbs.
No. 3, J. Coyle	10st.	4lbs.
Stroke, J. M. Henderson	12st.	2lbs.
Cox, J. Hance	9st.	0lb.

The Griffins Race, an innovation of last year, again attracted a good deal of attention. The V. R. C. must be congratulated on having put this item in the programme. On practice form, the second boat, with the two Alves, Meek and Crispin seemed to have as good a chance as any; but the proverbial uncertainty of griffins gave additional interest to the race. It might be worth while next year to have an entry limited to men who have never rowed in a race before; 'Griffin' is usually the term for those that have never tried, rather than that have tried and try again. For these, if horse-races can be taken as a guide, the term should be 'maiden.'

The Dock boat, in the outermost position, got away with a good lead, the innermost boat hanging last and the rest dead level. The style shown was good all round, considering the circumstances, though there was room for more length and more thigh work.

Henderson lost his lead at the half-distance, and Klinck and Alves settled down for a tough struggle, with the *Shamrock* keeping hard on their heels, Consumji in a decline and Henderson seeming quite beaten. The two leaders steered wretchedly, and on the winning post managed to foul, in such a clumsy manner that both deserved to be disqualified. As far as could be seen from the Starter's boat, Grimes was rather more to blame; but there was little to choose between them, for neither kept anywhere near a straight line. The boat in No 5 position whipped up again and got third. Time 7 min. 2½ sec.

The umpires after a conference with the judges ruled that the race must be rowed over again, by all five boats unless any chose to stand out.

It was getting dark by this time, and when the second start was made (5.55) the crews' colours were almost indistinguishable. Only three boats came up to the mark—Alves, Klinck, and Henderson's. The second named caused trouble in starting, by keeping too far forward for a fair send-off; and when at last they were in line the signal was given instanter, for the sake of saving the light, and Klinck's boat had stern-way on. All strove hard in the dark, but Henderson was played out with his previous exertions and could not hope to win. The other two made a close race, Grimes again steering badly; and all three boats had trouble with junks crossing the course. The *Victoria* only just won by a yard or so.

Alves	1
Klinck	2
Henderson	3

SAILING RACE; for all open boats; any rig. Chinese owned boats excluded. Entrance $2. Prize $25; winner of this race on the first day to be penalised 5 minutes. Course nine miles; post entries.

Starters:—

No. 7 Police gig
Sailor's Home gig
Kaiser's gig
Irene's whaler
Hunghom Dock gig
Victor Emanuel's galley

All the boats made a good start, but the wind was light and variable, so much so that the *Kaiser's* gig gave up about 1 55. A light breeze then set in from the E., and freshened as the boats neared the first mark, and it was noticed that the leading open boats more than held their own with the partially-decked boats, rounding the mark at the same time and thus gaining 15 minutes on the run down. Time:—

	H.	M.	S.
Sailor's Home gig	2	37	00
Commodore's galley	2	40	30
Hunghom Dock gig	2	56	00
Irene's whaler	2	56	30
No. 7 Police gig	2	56	45

The wind was fairly steady on the run up the Harbour, and about 3.8 the Commodore's galley passed the Sailor's Home boat. These two old rivals seemed with each other all the way up the Harbour, the wind being light and patchy. The times at the flagship were:—

	H.	M.	S.
Commodore's Galley	3	22	00
Sailor's Home Gig	[illegible]	32	50
Mr. [illegible]	[illegible]	54	30
[illegible] Police Gig	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]

The times at the Cosmopolitan Dock buoy were:—

	H.	M.	S.
Commodore's Galley	4	30	00
Sailor's Home Gig	4	32	45
Police Gig	4	40	00

And at the finish the boats crossed the line in the following order:—

	H.	M.	S.
Sailor's Home gig	4	50	50
Commodore's galley	4	53	55
Police gig	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]

It was a good race home between the *Victor's* galley and the Sailor's Home gig, and the race was lost to the *Victor's* boat by crossing the line from E. to W. instead of *vice versa*. The Sailor's Home gig thus proved the winner by the close margin of 5 seconds.

As will be seen by the letter from Capt. Hastings, the race yesterday was awarded after all to the Police Gig, no mistake having been made, as was at first supposed, in rounding the mark boats.

SAILING RACE (Handicap by Committee of Royal Hongkong Yacht Club); for partially decked boats not exceeding 1/6 rating Y.R.A. measurement. First prize, Cup; second prize, Cup.

Petrel, lug, Morton Jones	1.4	Black, yellow diamond.
Payne, lug, R.E.	1.6	Green, white chevron.
Dart, lug, Dr Lowson	1.5	Black, skull and cross-bones.
Stella, lug, Capt. Sterling	1.8	Chocolate, yellow cross.
Ladybird, lug, J. Hastings	1.4	Red and yellow envelopes.
Erica, lug, A. Denison	1.8	White, blue cross.
Meteor, lug, Lammert	1.6	Red, yellow, and blue.
Princess, lug, J. Mackie	1.6	Dark blue and white.
Eileen, lug, Lee Dillon	1.9	Light blue.
She, sloop, C. H. Gale	1.2	White, red horizontal stripes.
Seabreeze, sloop, Surg.-Major Westcott	1.0	Blue and white halves.
Zephyr, cutter, W. J. Eden	3.0	
Dolphin, sloop, Vernon	1.9	Blue and white.
Arrow, cutter, Lt. Curry	4.0	Red and dark blue.
Elphin, lug	—	
Pearl, lug, Wickham	1.3	
Mantelpiece, cutter, Capt. Simmonds	5.0	

COURSE.—From a line between a flagboat off Kowloon Wharves flying the blue ensign of the Royal Hongkong Yacht Club, and a markboat flying a red ensign round markboat off Green Island, leaving it to starboard. Round the outer markboat off flagship to port round Cosmopolitan Dock buoy, leaving it to starboard and finish across the starting line from W. to E.

Time allowance, *Zephyr*, allows *Arrow* 5 minutes, *Dart*, *Erica*, *Payne*, *Dolphin*, 8 minutes; *Princess*, *Meteor*, 8½ minutes; *Ladybird* and *Petrel*, 9; *Stella*, 10 minutes; the *Eileen*, *Elphin*, *Seabreeze*, *Pearl*, *Mantelpiece*, 13 minutes; *May Queen*, 14 minutes; *Spankadillo*, 16 minutes; *Laju*, 20 minutes.

The *Ladybird* was the first to get over the mark, followed by the *Dart*, *Erica*, *Meteor*, *Petrel*, *Dolphin*, *Payne*, *She*, *Princess*, *Arrow*, and *Stella* in the order named, there being about seven minutes between the first and the last boats. After the start, the fleet split up into two sections, the majority being on the north side of the Harbour, while the *Erica*, *Meteor* and *Princess* worked the South shore. About a quarter past two o'clock, the wind came away from the N. W., and the *Stella* picking up a fresh streak went right through the fleet, and rounded the Green Island mark. Times:—

	H.	M.	S.
Stella	2	37	00
Arrow	2	39	20
Meteor	2	43	45
She	2	44	05
Ladybird	2	44	45
Payne	2	44	53
Princess	2	46	10
Petrel	2	46	30
Dolphin	2	50	10
Dart	2	54	40
Erica	2	55	25

Throughout the rest of the course, the wind was moderate. The times at the flagship were:—

	H.	M.	S.
Arrow	3	21	45
Stella	3	23	30
Payne	3	27	20
Meteor	3	29	45
Ladybird	3	31	10
Princess	3	33	00
Petrel	3	35	30
She	3	37	00

After passing this mark, the *Stella* regained the lead, which she retained to the finish. Times at Cosmopolitan Dock buoy:—

	H.	M.	S.
Stella	4	1	15
Arrow	4	4	45
Payne	4	7	30
Meteor	4	9	50
Ladybird	4	11	18
Princess	4	12	25

Times at the finish:—

	H.	M.	S.
Stella	4	32	40
Arrow	4	34	30
Payne	4	35	32
Meteor	4	37	25
Ladybird	4	37	55
Princess	4	41	10

Having worked out the handicaps, the judges placed the boats in the following order:—

Stella	1
Payne	2
Meteor	3

CORRESPONDENCE.

THE REGATTA.

To the Editor of the 'CHINA MAIL.'

December 12, 1895.

SIR,—With reference to my letter in your last evening's issue, I have received correspondence from Mr E. D. Sanders anent the Yacht Race yesterday, which completely exonerates the Regatta Committee from blame in the matter. The arrangements were placed in the hands of the Secretary of the R. H. K. Y. C. I am a member of the Committee of that Club and so is Lieutenant Carey. We know nothing of the matter beyond the fact that we were asked to handicap the Yachts. The matters that I complained of therefore lie at the door of the R. H. K. Y. C. and will be settled privately. In any case the mistake made by the starter *must* cause the race to be resailed. What he ought to have done was to send to all the boats and say 'Gentlemen, I have made a mistake. In ten minutes from now I will fire a gun and five minutes after that I will fire another when you may cross the line.' The 'Old Custom' of the Regatta Yacht Races in having a starter and umpire on a launch should now be given up, as for all umpiring purposes it is impossible for a man to be in twenty places of the Harbour at the same time.

The starter's idea of giving the skippers 'five minutes more to think' is most noble, but rather confusing when manœuvring for position. A yacht race is something different from a pony race.—Yours truly,

JAMES A LOWSON.

A CORRECTION.

To the Editor of the 'CHINA MAIL.'

Hongkong, Dec. 13.

SIR,—Kindly correct your statement in last night's issue of the *China Mail*. In the open boat sailing races the Police Boat did not wrongly pass to the West of any mark. The directions were 'Round the outer markboat off Flagship to Port.' [illegible] Hanson did so, and when [illegible] inspector board said [illegible] he made a long [illegible] worked up in short tacks was immaterial to the Sailor's Home boat. He was awarded, and has got the prize.—Yours,

WM. C. H. HASTINGS.

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YE CHRONICLES OF YE CITY BY THE SEA.

And it came to pass that the mighty McDollar returned from visiting the Land of his Forefathers in the Northern part of the realms of the Queen of Victory, where he found that his fame, acquired in a far distant land, had preceded him and he was made much of, so that he blushed for all the flattering things that were said of him, for he was of a retiring disposition and modest, yet possessed of a sense of humour like unto an Hibernian, and the twinkle of his eye was like unto that of the Planet Mars in the zenith. And he went before the Congregation of the people and of the Rulers and notables of the Land, and he spake fiery words of wisdom and truth, and the Ministers of the Queen of Victory took Council together and said, 'Verily this is a man of parts and understanding and gifted with powers of observation, and hath experience; let us hearken unto his words and it shall be well for the people and for us, but we need not tell him that the words he hath spoken have sunken into our hearts, as he is not of the official class, but rather one who is opposed to our Viceroys and Governors who do not understand things commercial and hold them somewhat in contempt, inasmuch as an Eastern Governor has recently issued a decree forbidding his officials to own Houses, Lands or the Shares of Local Joint Stock Companies, the doing of which (tell it not in Gath) is contrary to the great Charter and Constitution of the Queen of Victory, which declareth that all subjects of the Glorious Queen are *Free men* to do with that which belongeth to them, as to them seemeth best.'

And these Ministers were of cult called by some Liberal, by others Radical or Revolutionary, or Separatists. And while the McDollar was on his journey back to the farthest East, the people of the Queen of Victory arose in their might and cast forth from power those Ministers who had failed to understand the aspirations of the people and who had dared to propose the Separation of the Land of Hibernia from the rest of the Empire of the Great Queen. And there was great rejoicing thereat in the City by the Sea, for the citizens were nearly to a man loyal and proud of their Great Queen and Country, and desired to maintain the heritage and power paid for in the blood of their forefathers. Therefore they rejoiced and were exceeding glad, for the Radical doctrine had caused them grief and sorrow, and was causing men to be ashamed of their countrymen who preferred such ideas. And behold the words of McDollar had sunk into the hearts of many good men and true in the old country; and they spake unto him said, 'Thou hast done well for the cause of Liberty, and those of us who are called upon to serve in the New Sanhedrim or Council of the Elders and Rulers of the people will raise our voices in the Council in thy favour and in the favour of the people of the City by the Sea, for they have been oppressed and lo, we will have Justice done them, and it shall be for a token unto thee, for when thou shalt cry with a loud voice in the Council Chamber, we shall take heed.'

And it came to pass that the Queen of Victory called upon the Lord of the Plains to form a new Cabinet for the Government of the Empire, and he did as the Queen commanded and appointed men, wise and experienced to control the destinies of the nation, and he sent winged words to the Minister of the Queen in the Land of the Celestial Empire to demand satisfaction for the murder of our people. And the Ministers of the Celestial Empire trembled for very fear, for the great warships of the Queen of Victory lay ready to bombard their cities with all the modern instruments of warfare. And the Celestials performed the Kow-tow and did as they were ordered, but they meditated treachery in their hearts, and with honeyed words they fooled the Ministers of the Queen of Victory and played into the hands of other nations; and they made scourges to whip their own backs, but they knew it not.

And it came to pass that the Ambassador of the Great Queen at the Court of the Celestial Empire vacated his post on promotion, and on his way to his own land he visited the Model Mart of the East; and he spoke honeyed words to the people which meant nothing, and they lauded him to the skies. But when he came to the City by the Sea he was like unto an oyster, for he feared the Tribunes of the people who in their hearts mistrusted him, though he was courteous and gracious in his manners and had the gift of charming his hearers. Now it was rumoured abroad that he had spoken with fiery eloquence to the Ministers of the Celestial sphere and served his country well, but the ways of diplomacy forbade the truth being spoken, so the people were left in ignorance. And the great man departed—unwept, unhonoured, and unsung!

And, behold, as the time of the great festivals drew near, the Council of the Elders was called together to hear the State of the Finances and discuss things in general and there were rumours of jobs; and the McDollar arose in the Council and began to ask awkward questions, the asking of which caused the choler of the Lord of the Sanhedrim and that of his Lieutenant the Caledonian to wax exceeding warm, and they proceeded to demolish the McDollar, but he being deft of tongue and hand was able to parry the thrusts of the Rulers which were somewhat unexpected, and like a wise man he deferred the time to make reply. And those who were behind the scenes knew in some measure what it all meant, and why the attack on the McDollar was made; and the prestige of the Ruler and of his Lieutenant sunk to zero among the people, for they said: 'Behold, are these the men of Light and Learning that the Great Queen sends to govern us? Verily we have been patient and long suffering, but the burden laid upon us is almost beyond the capacity of a community afflicted with weak nerves and a rooted dislike to strong smells to beat up against.'

And there arose a dispute in the Council concerning the amount to be [illegible] by the city to the Department of War. For years the Department had ruled with a rod of iron, and had no compassion on the citizens or on anyone, regarding only their own convenience, and making reply to all complaints, 'We are your defenders, and if ye hearken not unto our words, in the day of trouble ye shall be left defenceless.'

And behold the Army Department and the Navy Department disagreed as to what was due to either, and the city suffered sorely in consequence, being lashed to the man who attempted to sit upon two stools placed far apart with a thorn bush placed between. And a certain citizen who was gifted with a keen wit, he being a votary in the Temple of Diana, spake in a gathering of the people and spake a parable unto them, saying:—'In an ancient Kingdom of the extreme North, being a land of Brown Heath, shaggy wood, rocks and stones, there reigned a race of Kings who for a time governed well and wisely so that the people prospered and made money; and in the latter days a King came to the Throne who fell away from the wisdom of his fathers and oppressed the people, spending their substance in making drains for coin and thinking only of his own pleasure. And the people arose in their might and put their King to death and scattered his descendants all over the earth; and to this day the peculiarities of the king appear in his descendants, many of whom are not kings but would like to be so'; and the man of wit said, 'peradventure some of the dwellers within our gates can claim descent from this ancient king, for behold there are those in our midst who are inclined to travel in his footsteps.'

And it came to pass that a difference of opinion arose between the people and the Rulers concerning the Council of the Elders who had the cleansing of the City to carry out. And the Chief Priest arose and said 'My desire was to improve the Council,' and a Councillor arose and said, 'By doing us to death;' and the Chief Priest said 'By no means,' but the people would not be convinced but pointed to the words taken down at the time by the public scribes as they fell from his lips. And the people marvelled and said among themselves, let us put on sackcloth and put ashes on our heads, for surely there is black magic among us, and we must make atonement so that our eyes may be opened, and that we accuse no man unjustly!

And the man Joseph was stricken with a sore illness, and the Rulers spake veiled words concerning him in the Council, and the Citizens murmured and said this is contrary to the Canon of the Law which sayeth 'Thou shalt not hit a man when he is down,' for they were all a manly and sport-loving race of men, and their sympathies went out towards the man Joseph whom they knew to be able and willing to do his best for the people. And the incident of the Ink-pot rankled in the minds of the people, and their skins itched, for the man Canks had turned off the water and no man was able to wash. And the smells in the City were like unto those of Sodom and Gomorrah, and the people who were not stricken with sickness made jests on the condition of the City and the drains, for they said: 'Lo! is not this the Land of Fragrant Streams?' But the Rulers were a stiff-necked generation, and though they made believe to be anxious concerning the sanitation of the City they were in reality troubled lest the people should obtain power over municipal matters and thus curtail the powers of the Rulers who were sent out by the Great Queen to govern wisely but did not do so. Thus it came to pass that the Chief of the Sanhedrim appointed a Physician to be a Member of the Cleansing Department but gave the Department no power over him, and the Bulbhul sang 'Scornful men bring a city into a snare, but wise men turn away wrath.' And behold the people heard and made no sign, for the time was not come. Now this Physician was a stranger in the land but reputed to be wise and of an independent mind.

'For a wise man is strong, yea a man of knowledge increaseth strength. If thou sayest, behold, we knew it not; doth not He that pondereth the heart consider it? and He that keepeth thy soul doth not He know it? and shall not He render to every man according to his works? A righteous man falling down before the wicked is as a troubled fountain and a corrupt spring. It is not good to eat much honey; for men to search their own glory is not glory. It is the glory of God to conceal a thing, but the honour of Kings is to search out a matter.'

FOOCHOW RACES.

THIRD DAY.—Thursday, Dec. 12, 1895.

1.—THE LEGGE CUP.—Presented. Value $100. For all China Ponies Weights as per scale. Winners at this Meeting 10 lbs. extra. *Once round and a distance.*

2.—THE CHINESE CUP.—Value $100. For all China Ponies *bond fide* Griffins at the date of entry. Weights as per scale. Winners 7 lbs. extra, of 2 or more races 10 lbs. *One mile and a half.*

3.—THE LANGUAGES PURSE.—Presented. For all China Ponies. Weights as per scale. Griffins at date of entry allowed 7 lbs. Winners at this Meeting 7 lbs. extra. Riders who have never won a race allowed 7 lbs. *Once round.*

4.—THE MANCHU STAKES.—Of $10 each with $50 added, divided 70, 20 and 10 per cent to the First, Second and Third Ponies. For all *bond fide* beaten China Ponies that have never run previous to this Meeting. Weights as per scale. *One mile.*

Arminius	1
Kerry	2
Mickyfree	3

5.—THE CONSOLATION CUP.—Value $100. For all *bond fide* beaten China Ponies that have run at this Meeting. Weights as per scale. *One Mile.*

Yarra	1
Ratafia	2
Dunvar	3

Time, 2.16.

6.—THE CHAMPION STAKES.—Of $10 each with $50 added. A forced entry for and open only to winners at this Meeting, optional for the winners of the Hacks, Manchu Stakes and Consolation Cup. Winners of two races at this Meeting $15 extra, of more than two races $40 extra. Weights as per scale. *One mile and a quarter.*

Dragonfly	1

Notices to Consignees.

STEAMSHIP *SYDNEY*.

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo from London ex S.S. *Douro* and *Memphis*, from Havre ex S.S. *Memphis*, from Bordeaux ex S.S. *Ville de Arras* and *President Leroy Lallier*, in connection with the above Steamer, are hereby informed that their Goods—with the exception of Opium, Treasure and Valuables—are being landed and stored at their risks into the Godowns of the HONGKONG & KOWLOON WHARF & GODOWN COMPANY, LD., at Kowloon, whence delivery may be obtained immediately after landing.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded on, unless intimation is received from the Consignees before NOON TO-DAY (Wednesday), the 11th Inst., requesting it to be landed here.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by the Undersigned.

Goods remaining unclaimed after WEDNESDAY, the 18th Inst., at Noon, will be subject to rent, and landing charges.

All Claims must be sent in to me on or before WEDNESDAY, the 18th Inst., or they will not be recognised.

All Damaged Packages will be examined on TUESDAY, the 17th Inst., at 3 p.m.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

G. DE CHAMPEAUX,
Agent.

Hongkong, December 11, 1895. 2329

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

STEAMSHIP *ARDANDEARG*,
FROM NEW YORK & SINGAPORE.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo are hereby informed that all Goods are being landed at their risk into the Godowns of the HONGKONG AND KOWLOON WHARF AND GODOWN CO., at Kowloon, whence and/or from the Wharves delivery may be obtained.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 17th Inst. will be subject to rent.

All Claims against the Steamer must be presented to the Undersigned on or before the 17th Instant, or they will not be recognized.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 17th Inst., at 3 p.m.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by

DODWELL, CARLILL & CO.,
Agents.

Hongkong, December 11, 1895. 2332

Insurances.

NORTH BRITISH AND MERCANTILE INSURANCE COMPANY.

TOTAL FUNDS AT 31ST DECEMBER, 1894, £11,671,018 2s. 2d.

Authorised Capital	£3,000,000.0.0
Subscribed Capital	£2,750,000.0.0
Paid-up Capital	£687,500.0.0
Fire Funds	£2,410,992.7.3
Revenue Fire Branch	£1,546,856.18.7

HAVING been appointed AGENTS of the above Company we are prepared to Accept EUROPEAN and CHINESE RISKS at Current Rates.

SHEWAN & CO.,
Agents.

13 July, 1895. 1300

UNION ASSURANCE SOCIETY.

(Instituted in the Reign of Queen Anne A.D. 1714).

CAPITAL FULLY SUBSCRIBED, £450,000.
CAPITAL PAID UP, £180,000.
TOTAL INVESTED FUNDS EXCEED £2,619,000.
TOTAL ANNUAL INCOME, £774,546.

THE Undersigned, having been appointed AGENT of the above Society in Hongkong, is prepared to issue POLICIES against FIRE on the usual terms.

HARRY WICKING,
Praya Central.

1491

Mails.

NORDDEUTSCHER LLOYD.

NOTICE.

STEAM FOR
SINGAPORE, COLOMBO, ADEN, SUEZ, PORT SAID, NAPLES, GENOA, ANTWERP, BREMEN & HAMBURG, PORTS IN THE LEVANT, BLACK SEA & BALTIC PORTS;
ALSO,
LONDON, NEW YORK, BOSTON, BALTIMORE, NEW ORLEANS, GALVESTON & SOUTH AMERICAN PORTS.

THE COMPANY'S STEAMERS WILL CALL AT SOUTHAMPTON TO LAND PASSENGERS AND LUGGAGE.

N.B.—Cargo can be taken on through Bills of Lading for the principal places in RUSSIA.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.

SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.

Sachsen	Monday	January 6.
Karlsruhe	Monday	February 3.
Prinz Heinrich	Tuesday	March 3.
Preussen	Tuesday	March 31.
Sachsen	Tuesday	April 28.
Karlsruhe	Tuesday	May 26.
Prinz Heinrich	Tuesday	June 23.

ON MONDAY, the 6th day of January, 1896, at 3 p.m., the Company's S.S. *SACHSEN*, Captain H. SURREN, with MAILS, PASSENGERS, SPECIE, and CARGO, will leave this port as above, *calling at* NAPLES and GENOA.

Shipping Orders will be granted till Noon, on SATURDAY, the 4th January, Cargo and Specie will be received on board until Noon, on MONDAY, the 6th January, and Parcels will be received (at the Agency's Office) until Noon, on SUNDAY, the 5th January. Contents of Packages are required. No Parcel Receipts will be signed for less than $2.50, and Parcels should not exceed Two Feet Cubic in measurement.

The Steamer has splendid Accommodation and carries a Doctor and Stewardess.

Cargo can be washed on board.

For further Particulars, apply to

MELCHERS & CO.,
Agents.

Hongkong, December 10, 1895. 2343

Mails.

STEAM FOR
STRAITS, CEYLON, AUSTRALIA, INDIA, ADEN, EGYPT, MEDITERRANEAN PORTS, PLYMOUTH AND LONDON.
Through Bills of Lading issued for BATAVIA, PERSIAN GULF, CONTINENTAL AND AMERICAN PORTS.

THE Steamship *ROHILLA*, Captain G. O. HENNING, R.N.R., carrying Her Majesty's Mails, will be despatched from this for BOMBAY, on THURSDAY, the 19th December, at Noon, taking Passengers and Cargo for the above Ports. (This Steamer connects at Bombay with the S.S. *ORIENTAL*, which Vessel takes on her Cargo for LONDON, *viâ* SUEZ CANAL, leaving that port on the 11th JANUARY, 1896).

Silk and Valuables, all Cargo for France, and Tea for London (under arrangement); will be transhipped at Colombo into a steamer proceeding direct to Marseilles and London; other Cargo for London, &c., will be conveyed viâ Bombay.

Parcels will be received at this Office until 4 p.m. on the day before sailing. The contents and value of all packages are required.

Shippers are particularly requested to note the terms and conditions of the Company's Bills of Lading.

For further Particulars, apply to

ALF. WOOLLEY,
Acting Superintendent.

P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Office,
Hongkong, December 5, 1895. 2275

NORTHERN PACIFIC STEAMSHIP AND RAILROAD COMPANIES.

VIA INLAND SEA OF JAPAN.

THE attention of Passengers is directed to the very cheap rates offered by this Line to the PACIFIC COAST and to the INTERIOR and EASTERN CITIES of the UNITED STATES and CANADA and to EUROPE.

HONGKONG TO LONDON, $400.
Excellent accommodation. First class Table. DOCTOR and STEWARDESS carried.

HONGKONG TO NEW YORK, $350.
The Railroad travelling is second to none on the American Continent. Magnificent Scenery of the ROCKY and CASCADE MOUNTAINS. The YELLOWSTONE NATIONAL PARK route. Passengers to EUROPE may proceed by one of the first class ATLANTIC MAIL LINES.

HONGKONG TO TACOMA, $225.
Rates of Passage to other Points on application.

Special rates allowed to members of Government Services.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.
(SUBJECT TO ALTERATION).

Hankow	3,594	Tuesday	Dec. 24.
Tacoma	2,649	Tuesday	Jan. 14.
Victoria	3,167	Tuesday	Feb. 11.
Hankow	3,594	Tuesday	Mar. 10.
Tacoma	2,549	Tuesday	April. 7.

THE Steamship *HANKOW*, Captain ORR, sailing at Noon, on TUESDAY, the 24th December, will proceed to VICTORIA, B.C., and TACOMA, *viâ* SHANGHAI, INLAND SEA, KOBE and YOKOHAMA.

Through Bills of Lading issued to Japan, Pacific Coast Points, and to Canadian and United States Points.

Consular Invoices of Goods for United States Points should be in quadruplicate, and *one copy must be sent forward by the steamer* to the care of The Freight Agent, Northern Pacific Railroad Tacoma, Wash.

Parcels must be sent to our Office (with address marked in full) by 5 p.m., on the day previous to sailing.

For further information as to Passage or Freight, apply to

DODWELL, CARLILL & CO.,
Agents.

Hongkong, December 4, 1895. 2258

NOTICE.

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.
PAQUEBOTS POSTE FRANCAIS.

STEAM FOR
SAIGON, SINGAPORE, BATAVIA, COLOMBO, ADEN, SUEZ, PORT SAID, MEDITERRANEAN AND BLACK SEA PORTS, ALEXANDRIA, MARSEILLES, LONDON, HAVRE AND BORDEAUX;
ALSO
PORTS OF BRAZIL AND LA PLATA.

ON WEDNESDAY, the 25th December, 1895, at Noon, the Company's S.S. *SAGHALIEN*, Commandant DE GALL, with MAILS, PASSENGERS, SPECIE, and CARGO, will leave this Port for the above places.

Cargo and Specie will be registered for London as well as for Marseilles, and accepted in transit through Marseilles for the principal places of Europe.

Shipping Orders will be granted till Noon.

Cargo will be received on board until 4 p.m., Specie and Parcels until 5 p.m. on the 24th December, 1895. (Parcels are not to be sent on board; they must be left at the Agency's Office).

Contents and value of Packages are required.

For further particulars, apply at the Company's Office.

G. DE CHAMPEAUX,
Agent.

Hongkong, December 11, 1895. 2336

STAINFIELD'S PRIVATE HOTEL,
3 DUDDELL STREET.

COMFORTABLY FURNISHED ROOMS, with every convenience.
Accommodation for Table Boarders.
Particulars, Address,
MRS. STAINFIELD,
Proprietress.

Hongkong, January 5, 1895. 68

Mails.

U. S. Mail Line.

PACIFIC MAIL STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

VIA INLAND SEA OF JAPAN AND HONOLULU.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.

Peru (via Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea and Yokohama)	TUESDAY, Dec. 17, at noon.
City of Rio de Janeiro (via Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea and Yokohama)	SATURDAY, Jan. 4, 1896, at noon.
City of Peking (via Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea and Yokohama)	SATURDAY, Jan. 25, 1896, at noon.

THE U. S. Mail Steamship *PERU* will be despatched for SAN FRANCISCO, *viâ* NAGASAKI, KOBE, INLAND SEA and YOKOHAMA, on TUESDAY, the 17th December, at Noon, taking Passengers and Freight for Japan, the United States, and Europe.

Steamers of this line pass through the INLAND SEA OF JAPAN, and call at HONOLULU, and passengers are allowed to break their journey at any point *en route*.

Through Passage Tickets granted to England, France, and Germany by all trans-Atlantic lines of Steamers, and to the principal cities of the United States or Canada. Rates may be obtained on application.

Passengers holding through ORDERS TO EUROPE have the choice of the Overland Rail routes from San Francisco, including the SOUTHERN PACIFIC, CENTRAL PACIFIC, UNION PACIFIC, DENVER and RIO GRANDE and NORTHERN PACIFIC RAILWAYS; also the CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY on payment of £4 in addition to the regular tariff rate.

Passengers holding orders FOR OVERLAND CITIES in the United States have, between San Francisco and Chicago, the option of the SOUTHERN PACIFIC, CENTRAL PACIFIC, UNION PACIFIC, DENVER and RIO GRANDE and other direct connecting Railways, and from Chicago to destination, the choice of direct lines.

Particulars of the various routes can be had on application.

Special rates (first class only) are granted to Missionaries, members of the Naval, Military, Diplomatic, and Civil Services, to European officials in service of China and Japan, and to Government officials and their families.

Through Bills of Lading issued for transportation to Yokohama and other Japan Ports, to San Francisco, to Atlantic and Inland Cities of the United States, viâ Overland Railway, to Havana, Trinidad, and Demerara, and to ports in Mexico, Central and South America, by the Company's and connecting Steamers.

Freight will be received on board until 4 p.m. the day previous to sailing. Parcel Packages will be received at the office until 5 p.m., same day; all Parcel Packages should be marked to address in full; value of same is required.

Consular Invoices to accompany Cargo destined to points beyond San Francisco in the United States, should be sent to the Company's Offices in Sealed Envelopes, addressed to the Collector of Customs at San Francisco.

For further information as to Passage and Freight, apply to the Agency of the Company, No. 7, Praya Central.

J. S. VAN BUREN,
Agent.

Hongkong, November 26, 1895. 2292

Occidental & Oriental Steamship Company.

TAKING CARGO AND PASSENGERS TO JAPAN, THE UNITED STATES, MEXICO, CENTRAL AND SOUTH AMERICA, AND EUROPE,
VIA
THE OVERLAND RAILWAYS,
AND
ATLANTIC & OTHER CONNECTING STEAMERS.

VIA INLAND SEA OF JAPAN AND HONOLULU.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.

Coptic (via Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea, Yokohama and Honolulu)	THURSDAY, Dec. 26, at noon.
Gaelic (via Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea and Yokohama)	TUESDAY, Jan. 14, at noon.
Doric (via Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea and Yokohama)	SATURDAY, Feb. 1, at noon.

THE Steamship *COPTIC* will be despatched for SAN FRANCISCO, *viâ* NAGASAKI, KOBE, INLAND SEA and YOKOHAMA, on THURSDAY, the 26th December, at Noon, connection being made at Yokohama with Steamers from Shanghai.

Steamers of this line pass through the INLAND SEA OF JAPAN and call at HONOLULU, and passengers are allowed to break their journey at any point *en route*.

Through Passengers Tickets granted to England, France, and Germany by all trans-Atlantic lines of Steamers, and to the principal cities of the United States or Canada. Rates and particulars of the various routes may be obtained upon application.

Special rates (first class only) are granted to Missionaries, members of the Naval, Military, Diplomatic, and Civil Services, to European officials in service of China and Japan, and to Government officials and their families.

Passengers who have paid full fare, re-embarking at San Francisco for China or Japan (or vice versa) within one year, will be allowed a discount of 10 per cent. *This allowance does not apply to through fares from China and Japan to Europe.*

All Parcel Packages should be marked to address in full; and same will be received at the Company's Office until 5 p.m. the day previous to sailing.

Consular Invoices to accompany Cargo destined to points beyond San Francisco, in the United States, should be sent to the Company's Offices, addressed to the Collector of Customs, San Francisco.

For further information as to Freight or Passage, apply to the Agency of the Company, No. 7, Praya Central.

J. S. VAN BUREN,
Agent.

Hongkong, December 6, 1895. 2283

Shipping.

Steamers.

FOR SHANGHAI (DIRECT).

The Steamship *Chingping*, Captain BLAKE, will be despatched for the above Port on SATURDAY, the 14th Instant, at 5 p.m.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

CARLOWITZ & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, December 11, 1895. 2338

AUSTRIAN LLOYD'S STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY,
UNDER MAIL CONTRACT WITH THE AUSTRIAN GOVERNMENT.

STEAM TO SHANGHAI & KOBE.

The Co.'s Steamship *Vindobona*, Captain C. BELLEN, will leave for the above places on or about SATURDAY, the 14th Inst.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

SANDER & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, December 7, 1895. 2298

SHELL LINE OF STEAMERS.

FOR LONDON AND HAMBURG.

The Co.'s Steamship *Troeas*, Capt. F. C. BARRY, will be despatched as above on or about the 15th Instant.

For Freight, apply to

ARNHOLD, KARBERG & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, December 5, 1895. 2267

CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SHANGHAI.

The Steamship *Kansu*, Capt. SOMMERVILLE, will be despatched on MONDAY, the 16th Instant.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
Agents.

Hongkong, December 12, 1895. 2351

WARRACK LINE OF STEAMERS.

FOR KOBE AND YOKOHAMA.

The Steamship *Lennox*, Captain WILLIAMSON, R.N.R., will be despatched for the above Ports at Noon, on WEDNESDAY, the 18th Instant.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

DODWELL, CARLILL & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, December 9, 1895. 2306

FOR SINGAPORE, HAVRE AND HAMBURG.

(Calling at NAPLES *for landing Passengers if sufficient inducement offers).*

(Taking Cargo at through rates to ANTWERP, AMSTERDAM, ROTTERDAM, LISBON, OPORTO, LONDON, LIVERPOOL AND BREMEN.)

The Steamship *Erato*, Capt. J. OSTERMANN, will be despatched for the above Ports on THURSDAY, the 19th Instant, at 4 p.m.

This Steamer has superior Accommodation for First and Second Class Passengers and carries a Doctor and a Stewardess.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

SIEMSSEN & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, December 12, 1895. 2346

THE CHINA MUTUAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR LONDON, *VIA* PORTS OF CALL.

The Co.'s Steamship *Moyune*, C. KEMP, Commander, will be despatched as above on or about the 19th Instant.

For Freight and/or Passage, apply to

HOLLIDAY, WISE & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, December 9, 1895. 2304

CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

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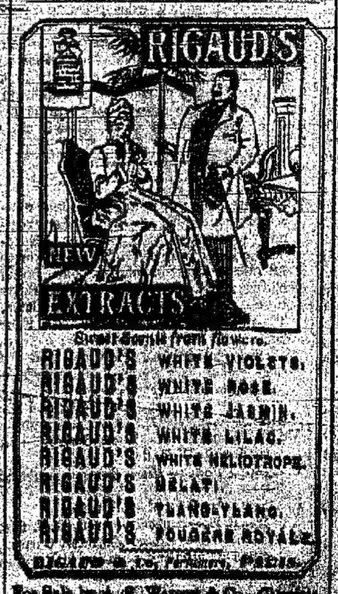

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